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SUMMARY: UAE ARMED FORCES ARE EXPRESSING CONTINUING INTEREST
IN VARIOUS TYPES OF FIELD GEAR AND CLOTHING UTILIZED BY
THE US ARMY. FOLLOWING MESSAGE DETAILS MOST RECENT REQUESTS
WHICH ARE BOTH GENERAL ONES FOR INFORMATION AND SPECIFIC
INQUIRIES LIKELY TO LEAD TO PURCHASE REQUESTS. PARAS 3,
WVR QAND 5 ALL CONTAIN REQUESTS FOR ACTION BY ACTION AD-
DRESSEE OR POSSIBLY BY ALTERNATE ACTION OFFICES IN WASHING-
TON. PARA 6 REQUESTS UP DATE ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING
ORDER FOR WEB GEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM (WHO IS BEGINNING TO FEEL AS IF HE IS BACK
IN QUARTERMASTER CORPS) WAS CCALLED TO GHQ UAE ARMED
FORCES MARCH 29 TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF
CLOTHING, FIELD GEAR, ETC. WHICH UAE AF MAY WISH TO
PURCHASE.

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2. PART OF DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON BROAD GENERAL INTEREST
WHICH LOGISTIC SIDE OF GHQ HAS IN VARIOUS ITEMS OF
EQUIPMENT USED BY US MILITARY (PRIMARILY ARMY).
MEETING WITH LT. COL. TAWIR EL SANOSI, DIRECTOR FOR
SUPPLIES AND PROVISIONS, GHQ, AND LT. COL. MUHAMMAD
SHADID, OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR DEPUTY COMMANDER IN

CHIEF, FOCUSED ON WHAT THEY TERMED "LIGHT LOGISTICS"--
I.E. UNIFORMS, BRASS BUTTONS, INSIGNIA, BOOTS, TENTS,
AND VARIOUS TYPES OF FIELD GEAR. GHQ, WHICH OBVIOUSLY
REMAINS MUCH IMPRESSED BY US WEB GEAR (EVERYONE IS
WEARING US WEB BELTS EVEN WITH CLASS A UNIFORMS IN
OFFICES), SEEMS TO BE INCLINED TO TURN TO US AS
MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR NUMBER OF SUCH ITEMS. THEY
HAVE MOREOVER BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH PREVIOUS
PROCEDURES WHICH INVOLVED GIVING ORDERS TO LOCAL FIRMS
OR PERHAPS TO FIRMS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES--E.G.
INDIA AND PAKISTAN. THEY HAVE FOUND QUALITY NOT
MEASURING UP TO STANDARDS. THEY ARE NOW TURNING TO
SOURCES WHERE THEY KNOW THEY WILL GET THE BEST.

3. AS FIRST STEP THEY WISH TO HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION
AS POSSIBLE ON TYPES OF EQUIPMENT USED BY US ARMY,
SOURCES OF SUPPLY ETC. DCM INFORMED THEM THAT EMBSSY
HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED (REFS A AND B) NAMES AND AD-
DRESSES OF SUPPLIERS OF NUMBER SUCH ITEMS. HE PROMISED
TO PROVIDE THESE NAMES IMMEDIATELY. HE ALSO UNDERTOOK
TO OBTAIN NAMES OF SUPPLIERS OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS SUCH
AS TENTS, INSIGNIA, BRASS BUTTONS ETC. ACTION REQUESTED:
CAN ACTION ADDRESSEE PROVIDE SUCH LISTINGS?

4. RE INFORMATION, UAE AF OFFICERS ASKED IF IT WAS
POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CATALOGUES, BROCHURES ETC. DCM
NOTED THAT SUPPLIERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BROCHURES
OF ITEMS WHICH THEY MANUFACTURED AND THESE COULD BE
OBTAINED BY WRITING. FYI. TO FACILITATE PROCESS, EMBASSY
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WILL SEND FORM LETTER TO ALL FIRMS LISTED REFS A AND B
ASKING THAT THEY SEND SUCH LITERATURE DIRECT TO LT.
COL. AL SANOSI. END FYI. DCM ALSO UNDERTOOK TO SEE
IF US ARMY MANUALS DESCRIBING AND PICTURING GEAR USED
BY US FORCES MIGHT BE AVILABLE. ACTION REQUESTED:
IS THERE A SERIES OF MANUALS WHICH GIVES DESCRIPTIONS,
NOMENCLATURE, PHOTOS, ETC OF THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT?
IF SO, CAN THEY BE SUPPLIED TO UAE ARMED FORCES?
IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, THERE IS NO DOUBT
UAEAF WILL BE WILLING TO PAY. WE WOULD HOPE HOWEVER
THAT MORE EXPEDITIOUS SALES PROCEDURE THAN VIA LOA
MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PUBLICATIONS. PLEASE
ADVISE.

5. TURNING FROM THE GENERAL TO THE SPECIFIC, UAE AF
HAS IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN PURCHASING 30,000 COMBAT
BOOTS. AND IF THEY BUY US BOOTS, THEY DEFINITELY
WISH TO PURCHASE VIA FMS ROUTE. AS EXAMPLE OF WHAT
IS DESIRED, DCM WAS SHOWN WHAT APPEARED TO BE STANDARD

ALL LEATHER BLACK "COMBAT BOOT" (FRENCH MANUFACTURE), BUT WHEN HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY INTEREST IN ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS POSSIBLY DESERT BOOT, RESPONSE WAS THAT UAE AF WOULD INDEED LIKE TO KNOW OF ALTERNATIVES. IN FACT, THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TWO OR THREE SAMPLE PAIRS OF EACH TYPE BOOT NORMALLY USED BY US ARMY (BELIEVE WE CAN SAFELY EXCLUDE ARTIC BOOTS*). DCM UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO SATISFY THIS INTEREST.

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ACTION REQUESTED: IS IT POSSIBLE TO SEND SAMPLES OF VARIOUS COMBAT BOOTS USED BY US ARMY-- I.E. BOTH STANDARD BOOT AND ANY VARIETY DESIGNED FOR USE IN EXTREMELY HOT CLIMES? AGAIN UAEAF CLEARLY PREPARED TO PAY FOR SAMPLES, BUT TO BE USEFUL THEY REQUIRED REASONABLY QUICKLY. IF THIS POSES DIFFICULTIES, WOULD ONE OF FIRMS LISTED REF A RESPOND TO TELEX ORDER TO AIRSHIP SAMPLES EVEN THOUGH IT LIKELY OVERALL ORDER WOULD BE PLACED VIA FMS CHANNELS? AT MINIMUM, PLEASE SUPPLY LITERATURE ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOOTS TO EMBASSY VIA IMMEDIATE AIR MAIL.

6. AS FINAL POINT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT RE STATUS EARLIER UAE AF ORDRRS FOR ADDITIONAL AMMO POUCHES (REF C) AND WEB BELTS (REF D). SO FAR WE HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED, BUT WE ANTICIPATE INQUIRY SOON AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PREPARED.
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